



**Eddie A. Perez**  
**Mayor**

## **MAYOR NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### **---NEWS RELEASE---**

(September 24, 2008)--- Hartford Mayor Eddie A. Perez announced today that after a nationwide search, he has selected David B. Panagore to serve as the Director of Development Services for the City of Hartford. Currently, Mr. Panagore serves as the Chief Development Officer of the City of Springfield, MA. Mr. Panagore succeeds John Palmieri, who was appointed Executive Director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Panagore is the Chief Development Officer for the State of Massachusetts Finance Control Board, which oversees the finances and operations of the City of Springfield, MA. In that capacity, he is responsible for all economic development, housing, neighborhood development, planning, permitting and zoning for the City of Springfield. Prior to this, Panagore served in key leadership positions in the San Jose, California Redevelopment Agency where he worked on significant mixed-use redevelopment projects and at the Boston Redevelopment Authority where he oversaw the development of the 1.9 million square foot Boston Convention and Exhibit Center. Mr. Panagore holds a B.A. from UMass, Amherst and a J.D. and M.P.A. from Suffolk University.

“David brings tremendous experience and a national perspective to this critical position for the City of Hartford. He has a proven track record of not only bringing complex multi-million dollar economic development projects to fruition, but also of successfully addressing the neighborhood issues such as housing and business development that are important components of the revitalization of our city. David’s enthusiasm, experience and long list of accomplishments will provide additional momentum to the successful work we have done to make Hartford a dynamic and vibrant community,” Mayor Perez stated.

“I am truly excited to take on this new challenge in Hartford,” said Panagore. “Hartford has sound fundamentals that make it a unique community in the Northeast. Hartford has vibrant residential neighborhoods, a strong and engaged business community, excellent access to transportation links and exciting new developments both recently completed and proposed. This is a great time to join the Mayor’s economic development team, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to help build on Hartford’s significant momentum,” Panagore stated.

Mayor Perez also thanked Acting Development Services Director Mark McGovern for his hard work leading the department while the search for a new director was under way. “Mark has done an outstanding job of keeping a number of important projects moving forward over these past few months and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for his diligence and dedication. I look forward to Mark continuing his service as a key leader on our economic development team,” The Mayor said.

Panagore’s name will be submitted for Council confirmation at the next meeting in October.